

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 31, 32, 38, 40, 43, 45-53, 55, 56, 58, 62-64, 141, 145-156, 164, 166-170, 172-175 and 177 remain in the application. Claims 141, 145-153, 156, 164, 166-170 and 172-175 read on the elected species of Figures 5-5a. Claims 31, 32, 38, 40, 43, 45-53, 55, 56, 58, 62-64, 154, 155 and 177 are withdrawn. Claims 1-30, 33-37, 39, 41, 42, 44, 54, 57, 59-61, 65-140, 142-144, 157-163, 165, 171, 176 and 178-188 have been canceled. In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicants retain the right to present the canceled claims in a divisional application.

Elected claims 141, 145-153, 156, 164, 166-170 and 172-175 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 290-357 of co-pending Application No. 09/256,275. Applicants' attorney respectfully disagrees with this rejection. Nevertheless, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 is filed herewith to overcome this double patenting rejection.

The Examiner indicated that elected claims 148-153 and 167-170 would be allowable on the filing of such a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, these claims are submitted as allowable.

The Examiner also indicated that elected claims 156 and 172-174 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 156 depends from allowable claim 148; claims 172 and 173 have been amended to include all of the limitations of

the base claim and any intervening claims; and claim 174 depends from claim 173. Accordingly, these claims are also submitted as allowable.

Elected claims 141, 145, 147 and 164 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 148, elected claims 146 and 166 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 153, and elected claim 175 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 172 and are also submitted as allowable.

Moreover, withdrawn claims 154 and 155 depend from claim 148 and withdrawn claims 31, 32, 38, 40, 43, 45-53, 55, 56, 58, 62-64 and 177 have been amended to depend from claim 148 and are also submitted as allowable.

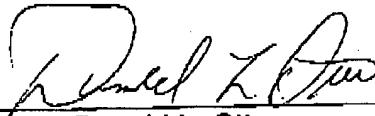
Since the foregoing amendment only requires a cursory review by the Examiner and places the application in condition for allowance, entry of the amendment and allowance of all of the pending claims 31, 32, 38, 40, 43, 45-53, 55, 56, 58, 62-64, 141, 145-156, 164, 166-170, 172-175 and 177 are respectfully requested.

In the event that an extension of time is necessary, this should be considered a petition for such an extension. If required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge fees for the extension of time and/or for the presentation of new and/or amended claims to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (Charge No. GLOLP0114US).

Respectfully submitted,

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